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Thinking back to last Friday, the evacuation was in many ways an opportunity for learning. As a school community, we were able to execute the district plan for an evacuation and to experience the immediate collaboration of school and community workers. Our Incident Management Team went right to work handling communications and logistics just as they have been trained to do. The staff was as helpful and attentive as they could be. The students were flexible and cooperative. What a great lesson for your children to know that the entire staff was watching out for them and that many other people helped too. Kudos to the police and fire departments for their efforts that day. We are grateful to the McCall Incident Management Team for helping with the transition and to Marc Kerble, Assistant Superintendent, and Anthony Russo, School Resource Officer, for their assistance. And, thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children as you do every day of the school year. Lincoln School is the best!!

Release Day

Today we had a building-based release day which means that we stayed at Lincoln to work together as a faculty. Among the topics addressed were prioritizing and delivery of phonics instruction, pacing Everyday Math, and ways to promote differentiation of instruction. It was energizing to see heads together looking over charts and books, deep in conversation about how to improve instruction. We value these meaningful periods of time to have grade level and cross grade level discussions. **The next release day is May 4th which is Teacher Appreciation Day.**

Getting Going in the Morning

The number of children arriving late and/or forgetting items at home seems to be on the increase. Please make every effort to get your child to school no later than 8:30 with all they need to start their day. Late arrivals and interruptions for lunches, instruments, etc. impact the whole class.

Incoming Kindergarteners

Kindergarten Orientation for incoming Lincoln School kindergarteners and their parents will be Thursday, April 30 at 9:00 in our library. Information about the All Day K program will be mailed out soon.

MCAS Begins Monday

The first round of MCAS testing starts Monday. The best preparation for your child is to have an easy schedule, a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Expect your child to have a lighter homework load. Also, instrumental music lessons will not be held during MCAS testing.

See you at MENTOR NIGHT this Thursday